GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF AIRSTRIP AND CONTROL TOWER IN KARGIL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to construct airstrip and a control tower for combat aircrafts in view of Pak intrusion in Kargil; and

(b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard so far and the time by which the above work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, as part of development of Ladakh sector, Kargil Airfield is being developed by Airport Authority of India to cater for operation of civil flights. The project is likely to be completed by October, 2000.